



Washington State Legislature

November 3, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray
Southwest Washington District Office
1323 Officers' Row
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Senator Murray:

We are writing to update you regarding legislation passed by the Washington State Legislature to restart conversation with the Oregon Legislature to replace the obsolete Interstate 5 Bridge crossing the Columbia River.

A bipartisan group of Southwest Washington legislators co-sponsored this important legislation. Signed by Governor Inslee with significant support from both chambers, Substitute Senate Bill 5806 (attached) calls for a legislative action group to be formed with representation from Washington and Oregon. The legislation calls for recommendations by December 15, 2018. The legislation also provides an appropriation to the Washington Department of Transportation to conduct an inventory of past work by December 1, 2017.

We are encouraged by many supporters and organizations who wish to see this project move forward to completion. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at any time to discuss this matter as we look to a future of working together.

We are also encouraged that the State of Oregon has approved a significant transportation package this year, much as Washington State did in 2015. Both states are demonstrating a commitment to improving infrastructure to better move the public, our workforces, commerce and freight.

We look forward to updating and collaborating with you in pursuing traffic congestion relief for our region. We would welcome suggested dates to meet with you.

Sincerely,

~ Southwest Washington Legislators ~

Washington State Senator Ann Rivers
18th Legislative District

Washington State Senator Annette Cleveland
49th Legislative District

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17th Legislative District



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Washington State Representative Sharon Wylie
49th Legislative District



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17th Legislative District